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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5684th meeting of the Security Council, held on 25 May 2007 in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the transmission of the report of the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the Hybrid Operation in Darfur, which contains recommendations regarding a mandate and a structure for the Hybrid Operation, details on the various components of the proposed operation and their specific tasks, and a description of the ongoing efforts of the international community to support the peace process in Darfur and to strengthen the African Union Mission in the Sudan (AMIS).

"The Security Council notes that agreement between the African Union and the United Nations on this joint report is an important development in the comprehensive approach to the peace process in Darfur, which also includes re-energizing the political process; strengthening the ceasefire; and implementing the three-phase approach to peacekeeping, culminating in an African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation.

"The Security Council calls for the full implementation without delay of the United Nations Light and Heavy Support Packages of assistance to AMIS, as well as for the report of the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the Hybrid Operation to be considered and taken forward immediately. The Security Council further demands that all parties meet their international obligations; support the political process; end violence against civilians and attacks on peacekeepers; and facilitate humanitarian relief."

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